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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 2, ll. 5 – 10 exclusive of the title is replaced as follows:

This case is related to US Patent Applications, "A Diagnostic Pipette Assembly Including Apparatus For Automated Aspiration", Hool et al, ~~DOCKET NO HCDI1786~~ US Serial No. 09/849,731, filed May 3, 2001, now pending and "A Diagnostic Sample Tube Including Anti-Rotation Apparatus", Hool et al, ~~HCDI1787~~ US Patent No. 6,770,244 B2, issued August 3, 2004, filed concurrently and simultaneously with this application ~~and for which, at this time no serial number or filing date exist.~~

Also amended are Pages 4, l. 18 through page 18, l 10 as follows: